WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program January 16, 2019

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm at 785-296-5592.





As was mentioned last week in What's Happening Wednesday, we have been waiting on the Center's for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to notify us of the available influenza vaccines for next season. This information was released this week, and as was noted in the Special Alert on January 14th, we immediately have set up and opened the Kansas 2019—2020 Influenza Vaccine Pre-book in KSWebIZ. Pre-book will only be available until February 4, 2019.

Any Vaccines For Children (VFC) provider who does not complete a pre-book request for influenza vaccine will have a request Program (KIP) staff based on vaccine administered information in KSWebIZ for this season. Brand assignment for these KIP generated requests will be at the discretion of KIP. It is the VFC Primary Contact at each clinic who is responsible for assuring an influenza vaccine pre-book is completed. KIP will not have time to call and follow up with providers who miss this pre-book window as we must complete the statewide 8. 2019.

Please note when completing your

pre-book that we have included all available manufacturer syringes this year as ordering options. If any of the presentations do not have sufficient requests, we will not be placing a pre-book request for that particular presentation and will contact any provider who requested it to make an alternate selection.

Please keep in mind that Sanofi has submitted documentation to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for approval to label Fluzone -Quad .5ml syringes appropriate for use down to age 6 months. There is indication from the FDA that it is likely to approve this request in generated by Kansas Immunization time for the 2019—2020 influenza season. There of course is no way of knowing with full certainty that this will happen but we are trying to assure everyone has all information available for consideration at the time of prebook as we all know the impact of shifting influenza vaccine guidelines as the season approaches each year.

As always, thank you for the efforts you put into assuring as many pre-book with the CDC by February Kansans as possible are protected from influenza each year.



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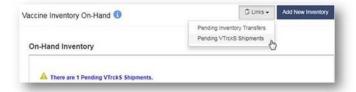
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KSWebIZ Addressing KSWebIZ Shipment Receipt Errors

KSWebIZ is experiencing intermittent issues with accepting pending VTrckS shipments. The KSWebIZ 2. Verify vaccine was added to On-Hand inventory. Helpdesk has received reports that the blue link for pending VTrckS shipments is not disappearing when receiving vaccines that match a vaccine that is already in the on-hand inventory.

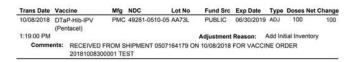


With the link not disappearing as it should users are able to receive the vaccine multiple times causing the on-hand inventory to be incorrect. New inventory that was not previously on-hand is not affected and the blue link for that pending shipment is disappearing as it should. If you believe you have already received a vaccine but the blue link is still showing it is important to check the on-hand inventory and verify if the vaccine has been received or not.

This issue is set to be fixed in an upcoming patch in mid to late February. We apologize for any inconvenience this issue may be causing. Until the patch is in place the following steps will need to be completed to ensure inventory is received properly.

- 1. **Receive** the vaccine shipment.
- - a. On the *left-hand menu*, select **Inventory**.
 - b. The *left-hand menu* will expand, select Vaccines.
 - c. Select On-Hand.
 - d. Select the **Action** drop down menu next to the desired Vaccine.
 - e. Select Inquiry.
 - f. Select Run Report.

If the vaccine was received it will display as an adjustment of add initial inventory with a comment that says received from shipment with the shipment number, date, and vaccine order number. If the vaccine has been received multiple times, please contact the KSWebIZ Helpdesk at 877-296-0464 or kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov for assistance in correcting the inventory.



- 3. Return to the pending VTrckS shipment screen, If the blue pending VTrckS shipment link is still displayed for the line item just received, then select the **Dismiss** option.
 - a. Enter a **comment**, the vaccine has been received, but pending link will not clear.

Special Announcements

- The Kansas Immunization Program will be closed on January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Please have a safe holiday.
- Kansas Immunization Program Leadership will be in Atlanta January 22—25, 2019 attending a required all-awardee meeting at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This meeting will be focused on providing guidance to programs related to the requirements and objectives of the new five year funding cycle to begin July 1, 2019. There will be no publication of What's Happening Wednesday on January 23, 2019.



January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) "causes 33,700 cases of cancer in men and women every year in the U.S. HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of these cancers, 31,200 cases every year, from developing." Below are some resources for you to share with your providers, staff, and patients.

<u>Infographic: Screening Won't Protect Your Patients from Most HPV</u>
<u>Cancers</u> is a one-page, printable infographic that you can post and share with patients detailing that HPV screening alone is not enough.

If you are looking for staff education, check out the web-on-demand video Routinely Recommending Cancer Prevention: HPV Vaccination at 11 and 12 as a Standard of Care. Not only does this web-on-demand video offer continuing education credit, it also discusses HPV transmission, how to discuss HPV transmission with your patients and parents, vaccine safety, and how the vaccine can prevent HPV. The video is very informative and offers suggestions that others use to recommend the HPV vaccine. Remember, this vaccine can **prevent cancer!**

Are you looking for ways to increase your HPV immunization rates? In asking providers with high HPV immunization rates, "what makes you successful?", they offer these suggestions:

- 1. Assess immunization status at each visit, not just well visits. One successful provider uses a "poaching" approach. What is poaching? Not only do they assess immunization status for the child being seen, they also assess the immunization status of other siblings present, even if they are not being seen by the provider.
- 2. Make sure all staff members are on the same page. Patients and parents will encounter many staff members from check in to check out. Be sure that all staff members are encouraging vaccination, even if they are not clinic staff. It only takes one staff to plant that seed of doubt.

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Influenza Surveillance January 15, 2019

The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites are monitoring patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) symptoms include a fever (> 100°F) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. ILINet sites also submit up to five specimens for testing at the Kansas Health and **Environmental Laboratories** (KHEL). These specimens help monitor what types of influenza are present in Kansas. During the week ending January 5, ILINet sites reported 3.0% of visits were due to influenza-like illness. All data is subject to change. KHEL has detected A/H1 in 7 specimens, A/H3 in two specimens, and influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens. Four influenza outbreaks have been reported to KDHE this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at http:// www.kdheks.gov/flu/ surveillance.htm.



VAX FACTS

Resource for Education of Parents About Immunizations

Vaxopedia, a website created by pediatrician Vincent Iannelli, MD, provides a wealth of immunization information with the goal of helping to get parents educated about vaccines.

Among the wide range of informative and engaging web pages on Vaxopedia is an <u>A–Z Index web page</u> linking to 470 alphabetized topics related to immunization.

<u>Vaxopedia also has a blog</u>. Some of the recent topics include:

- News on the Latest Measles Outbreaks of 2019
- How To Become a Vaccine Advocate

- Flu Season Predictions
- How Are Australia's New Vaccine Laws Working?
- Ethics and Vaccines

<u>Visit the Vaxopedia website</u> to review the rich content it offers.

It is easy to subscribe to the blog by going to any page on the website and entering your email address in the right-hand column. You will receive an email message whenever a new blog post is released.

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- Recommend the HPV vaccine the same way as all other vaccines. If you single out one vaccine, it will cause patients and parents to either view the vaccine as less important or cause hesitancy because there must be something wrong with the vaccine if it is presented differently.
- 4. Share your personal story. Share that you feel so strongly about the HPV vaccine, that you have vaccinated your own family, or that you plan to vaccinate your family as soon as they are old enough to receive it.
- Be sure to give that strong recommendation.There are vaccines required for school entry.

Just because a vaccine is not required for school entry, it may still be recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) the same as all other vaccines for adolescents and is still very important.

Improving immunization rates does take a little bit of work but protecting your patients from diseases makes you a super hero!

Do you have strategies that work well for your clinic? Share them with us at KDHE.vaccine@ks.gov.

Do you have other questions or suggestions? Share them with us at KDHE.vaccine@ks.gov.

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